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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I just want to rise to support Senator Koch's amendment because this is just purely corrective, properly identifying the fund or the program under which the appropriation would be paid out. It is a technical type of thing that should be adopted so the bill is correct in that regard.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A question of the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this bill is returned for this amendment and the amendment is adopted, then a machine vote can be called for to readvance it.

PRESIDENT: At all times, a machine vote.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if it fails to vote to advance twice regardless of the amendment, then it is dead. I mean in succession on the same...

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: But it has already failed once, but then intervening that, it also advanced once.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. I am not saying that this would attach to the prior one but I meant whether the amendment itself is technical or substantive, it does not matter. If it fails to advance twice on the same issue, for example, if this amendment is adopted and an attempt is made to advance it today and it fails. Another attempt is made to advance it and it fails, then it is dead.

PRESIDENT: I think the most accurate way to state it is that if it fails to advance two consecutive times on motions to advance. Now there can be other things, but if there is two consecutive motions to advance that fail, then I think it is indefinitely postponed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: And I would recommend that the Rules Committee make that clear for succeeding legislatures because I think that is what it's suppose to mean.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I agree.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh calls for the question. Do I see five seconds? I certainly do. The question is, shall debate now cease? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Koch.

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